

PRESIDER

Dear friends, trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us pray with all our hearts for the birth of a new world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all patriarchs of the Orthodox churches, that they speak with one voice as steadfast apostles of peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that the bloodshed, destruction and misery being inflicted on them will end and negotiations for a just peace begun. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all families and communities devastated by the floods in the eastern states, that they will receive the support and find the resilience they need to cope with their losses. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families presenting their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that they will embrace this graced time and be heartened by the prayerful support of the parish family. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the indigenous communities of this land, that our support for Project Compassion will help promote their traditional arts and provide employment opportunities. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led safely to eternal life by Christ the good shepherd. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God ever ancient, ever new, you never cease to call us to conversion. Give us the freedom we need to follow your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.